The Police outpost at Edatva should be converted into a Charging Station. The people inhabiting the *pakuthies* of Talavadi and Kozhimukku had to go to Ambalapuzha Police Station for relief when necessary. This involved very great inconvenience to the people in view of the long distance to Ambalapuzha and the want of facilities of communication.

Lastly, a suitable rate should be fixed for the commutation of *Kandukrishi* rent. The rate of 18 chuckrams per *para* of paddy was excessive in view of the very low price of paddy. The concession of paying the rent in kind was not also beneficial on account of the vagaries committed in the collection of the rent. The matter should receive the earnest attention of the Government and the rent for 1107 should be realised after fixing a suitable rate of commutation.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Gopala Panikkar, the question of extending the Chakkolam *todu* is under investigation.

An estimate for completing the first and second sections of the Alleppey-Changanachery canal was received by Government. But the work has to lie over, partly for financial reasons and partly because the people do not give up the land required free of compensation.

The Public Works Department will take over the maintenance of the Takazhi-Ambalapuzha canal as early as possible, if funds can be allotted.

Sections of the Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road are under construction. Here again, the work has been held up by land acquisition proceedings; and you will do well to advise the people to surrender the required lands.

Canals useful for agricultural purposes are, as a general rule, not brought under registry. Even if the question is raised, the Public Works Department is consulted.

If agricultural boards are organised by private persons, the Department will render all possible help.

Government have granted concessions in the case of canoes and *vallams* used for agricultural purposes by insisting only on a single initial registration instead of annual registration, except when *vallams* change ownership.

It is impossible to give Charging Stations wherever they are asked for, and the necessity for having one at Edatva has not been established.

Government have granted considerable concessions to the tenants of the Ambalapuzha *Kandukrishi pattam* lands, and as matters stand at present, the existing rates will not be taken up for revision until the next year when the rent for 1108 is due for payment. Any representation on this point will then be considered.

109. Needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

MR. K. SANKARA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha taluk, Group II*) first urged the necessity of having an Assistant Superintendent of Police at Alleppey. The absence of a Police Officer of the status of an

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Assistant Superintenent was keenly felt at Alleppey, especially during recent times. Before the reorganisation of the Police Department there was a Police Circle Inspector, equal in status to an Assistant Superintendent, at Alleppey. But the post was abolished and the Alleppey Station was converted into an ordinary Station and placed under an Assistant Superintendent posted at Quilon. The jurisdiction of the Assistant Superintendent, Quilon, was very wide and he was not able to attend to the needs of Alleppey efficiently. An Assistant Superintendent should therefore be sanctioned for Alleppey. If the creation of an additional post was considered not feasible, the headquarters of the Assistant Superintendent, Quilon, should be transferred to Alleppey, as there was also a District Superintendent of Police at Quilon.

The necessity for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha had been repeatedly pressed at several past sessions of the Assembly. If it was not feasible to open an additional court, at least the Additional Munsiff's Court at Alleppey might be shifted to Ambalapuzha. A comparison of the relative distances from Alleppey to some of the *pakuthies* of the Ambalapuzha taluk and from the Ambalapuzha town would clearly show the reasonableness of the request. Talavadi was 20 miles from Alleppey, while it was only 6 miles away from Ambalapuzha. Kozhimukku was 18 miles away from Alleppey, while its distance from Ambalapuzha was only 5 miles. Porakad, Takazhi, Nedumudi and Champakulam were also nearer to Ambalapuzha than to Alleppey.

The Alleppey-Kallarkod road should be extended so as to meet the Ambalapuzha road.

The First Class Magistrate's Court, the Bench Magistrate's Court and the Village Panchayat Courts must be located within the premises of the District and Munsiff's Courts. These courts were lying scattered in Alleppey to the inconvenience both of the litigant public and of the vakils.

A waiting shed should be constructed for the use of the clients in the Additional Munsiff's Court at Alleppey. The parties and witnesses were subjected to very great inconvenience owing to the absence of a waiting shed.

An experimental farm should be opened at Edatva and a Veterinary Inspector appointed there. Edatva was the centre of Kuttanad where most of the people were agriculturists.

A cart road should be opened from the Wadai canal to Kottankulangara, near the Munro light. The place was an important trading centre of hill products such as pepper, ginger, cardamom and turmeric. Much difficulty was experienced in transporting these commodities to the port and to the town. The proposed road might be called the Austin road leading to Munro light.

DEWAN'S REPLY: In regard to the appointment of an Assistant Police Superintendent at Alleppey, Mr. Sankara Panikkar, it has been decided that it is not possible to increase the number of Assistant

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Superintendents or to transfer the Assistant Superintendent from Quilon to Alleppey.

The question of establishing a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha must await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The extension of the Alleppey-Kallarkod road is said to be unnecessary, because the Alleppey-Ambalapuzha road runs parallel to it within two or three furlongs.

The question of the location of all the courts within the same premises must await the availability of funds.

The construction of a waiting shed in the premises of the Additional Munsiff's Court at Alleppey will be taken up when funds permit.

In regard to the opening of an experimental farm and a veterinary hospital at Edatva, as soon as Government are able to open more farms and veterinary hospitals, the claims of your taluk will be considered.

The cart road from the Wadai canal to Kottankulangara will be investigated.

110. Needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

MR. K. A. PITCHA BAVA SAHIB (*Nominated*) first spoke about the urgent necessity of the introduction of the water supply and the electric supply schemes for the town of Alleppey. Much difficulty was experienced by the people for want of good drinking water.

The toddy and arrack shops should be removed from within the municipal limits. There were many liquor shops in the town, some of which were located near churches, mosques and temples. The existence of the shops was a temptation to the people to take to the evil habit of drinking.

The leper hospital should be immediately shifted to a less congested place. The place at which it was located was thickly populated. There was also a fish market near by.

The necessity for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha had already been emphasised by the previous speaker. The court should be sanctioned without delay.

A Second Class Magistrate's Court should be established at Alleppey, or in the alternative, the local Tahsildar should be invested with magisterial powers.

The office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Quilon should be shifted to Alleppey, in view of the commercial importance of the town.

The Police constables of the town had no settled residence and consequently much difficulty was experienced by the people in seeking Police help at emergent times. To remove this, a Police line, for accommodating 24 constables should be constructed near the Police Station.

Police beat should be introduced within the port limits, when steamers were in the port, in order to prevent pilfering of goods from the steamers.

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